

2016 ARKANSAS ADR CONFERENCE



SUZANNE M. DUVALL

Suzanne M. Duvall is an attorney-mediator designated "Distinguished Mediator" by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association. With over 800 hours of training in mediation, arbitration and negotiation, she has mediated over 2,500 cases and serves as a faculty member, lecturer and trainer for numerous dispute resolution and educational organizations nationwide.



WILL PRYOR

Will Pryor is a mediator and arbitrator in Dallas, Texas, and has mediated over 3,000 disputes. A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, Will is a former courtroom lawyer, trial court judge, First Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas and an Adjunct Professor of ADR for over 15 years at the Dedman School of Law at SMU in Dallas. Will is a member of the American Law Institute (ALI), a member of the Executive Committee of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals and the author of *A Short & Happy Guide to Mediation* (West 2013).

DATE	LOCATION	COST
March 11, 2016	Crowne Plaza Little Rock, Arkansas	- Free for All Judges - \$25 for Law Students - \$50 for Practicing Mediator and/or Attorney less than 5 years
TIME 8:30 - 4:30		- \$125 for Certified Mediators - \$175 for All Others
8:30 - 8:45	WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS	
8:45 - 9:45	What Do You Expect from Me? <i>By: Suzanne M. Duvall</i> A revealing discussion of the results of a year-long, person-to-person survey of more than 200 consumers of mediation services. The survey was conducted by Suzanne Duvall, and she will present the results from her perspective as a mediator with over 20 years of experience.	
9:45 - 10:00	Break	
10:00 - 11:00	Evolution of Mediation This session will address changes that have taken place in the practice of mediation over the past decade. Some issues that will be discussed include the use of technology and the "disappearing opening statement." Discussion should outline how these changes are affecting the current state of mediation practice in Arkansas - and raise the question, "have these changes enhanced or deteriorated the mediation process?"	
11:00 - 11:15	Break	
11:15 - 12:15	Benefits and Challenges of Attorney Ad Litem in Mediation In child custody cases, the mediator often works with not just the parents and their attorneys, but also attorney ad litem. While the addition of an ad litem to the case may create unique challenges, it may also enhance the opportunity to help the parties craft parenting plans that work for both parties while focusing on the best interest of the child. In this session participants will identify and discuss the challenges that mediators face in these cases, including ethical issues, as well as best practices for both mediators and ad litem.	
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00	A Coming Decade of Intrigue <i>By: Will Pryor</i> Mediation has come a long way in the last decade or two. What are the current national trends, and what do they foreshadow for the decade to come? Are the trends and the direction in which ADR is headed mostly positive, or mostly things that the neutral community needs to fix? If you want your calendar full of mediation opportunities in the years to come, Will Pryor from Dallas offers some suggestions.	
2:00 - 2:15	Break	
2:15 - 3:15	The New Family Dynamic: Mediating with Multiple Generations, Pro Se Litigants and Never-Married Parents This session will address the realities of mediating with 21st century families: from grandparents acting as parents to their grandchildren, to the ever-growing numbers of self-represented parties in domestic relations cases, to the unique issues that arise when working with never-married parents. Participants will address the dynamics of working with these parties and provide practice tips on avoiding pitfalls and developing best practices.	
3:15 - 3:30	Break	
3:30 - 4:30	Top 10 Mistakes Made in Mediation and How to Avoid Them This session will explore mistakes made by mediators and attorneys in the mediation process. Participants will learn how to prevent these mistakes from happening and best practices for dealing with them when they do arise.	